

CLAIM SET AS AMENDED

1. (previously presented) A keyboard comprising:

a housing for receiving:

a keypad;

associated keyboard electronic circuitry; and

at least one card reader, with a slot for guiding a card,
along with auxiliary components,

wherein the housing is formed of one piece of material thereby forming an upper housing shell and an S-shaped lower housing shell
~~(3)~~ whose backside joins the upper housing shell seamlessly, and

wherein the upper housing shell supports the keypad and the keyboard electronic circuitry and the lower housing shell contains the auxiliary components that are electrically coupled via plug couplings with the keyboard electronic circuitry, the plug couplings extending from the upper housing shell into the lower housing shell.

2. (previously presented) The keyboard according to claim 1, wherein a backside of the lower housing shell has a rising into which a magnetic-card reader comprising at least one card reader is integrated, the backside defining the slot as a slot-shaped guide for guiding the magnetic card.

3. (previously presented) The keyboard according to claim 1, wherein a backside of the lower housing shell has a rising into which a chip-card reader, comprising at least one card reader is integrated, the backside defining the slot as a slot-shaped opening for guiding a chip card in this area.

4. (previously presented) The keyboard according to claim 1, wherein the backside of the lower housing shell has a rising into which a magnetic-card reader and a chip-card reader are integrated, with the backside forming the slot as a slot-shaped guide for guiding a magnetic card and a slot-shaped receptacle opening for guiding a chip card.

5. (previously presented) The keyboard according to claim 1, wherein the keypad is point-supported in the upper housing shell by sleeves and is releasably attached to the keyboard housing.

6. (previously presented) The keyboard according to claim 1, wherein the keyboard electronic circuitry is releasably attached in the upper housing shell below the keypad via further sleeves.

7. (previously presented) The keyboard according to claim 1, wherein the lower housing shell is closed by a cover.

8. (previously presented) The keyboard according to claim 1, wherein the keyboard housing is a resinous-plastic injection-molded part.

9. (previously presented) The keyboard according to claim 1, wherein the keyboard is for a cashier register.

10. (previously presented) The keyboard according to claim 9, wherein the cashier register is a point of sale terminal.

11. (previously presented) A keyboard housing comprising:

an upper shell portion having inclined members for receiving a keypad thereon such that the keypad is inclined during operation thereof;

a lower shell portion for attachably receiving additional electrical components;

a cover removably fixed to the lower shell portion; and

a rising portion formed as a slot-shaped guide for a magnetic-card reader or a chip-card reader,

wherein the upper shell portion, the lower shell portion and the rising are integrally molded such that the keyboard housing is formed as one-piece.

12. (new) The keyboard housing according to claim 11, wherein the keyboard housing is formed substantially in an S-shape.